by any other path than that of honour; we must return only under triumphal arches. Forward, then! Let the Prussian army meet with the same fate as it did fourteen years ago.

It is really quite amusing that the Prussians should have handed me their ultimatum on the 8th; and that I, without knowing this, should have entered Bayreuth and begun my movements on the 7th.

(To the King of Bavaria.) I have at last received the King of Prussia's letter, I cannot send you his actual text; it is a rhapsody copied from the English newspapers and twenty pages long. But I send you the note which M. d« Knobel.sdorf has this very moment handed me. My answer you will find in my proclamation to the army. It in therefore the King of Prussia who has declared war! I am truly thankful for his forethought in thus proving mine to be the right cause in the face of all Europe.

8th. The Queen of Prussia is with the army, dressed at! an nmftjKm, wearing the uniform of her dragoon regiment, writing twenty letters a day to feed the fire. Next to her in Prince Louia of Prussia, a young prince full of courage, who expects to win great glory from the incidents of war. Following the example of these two high personages all the Court clamourx: War! war!

Kronach:

I have reached Kronach, which I ahall leave to-night. The army is marching rapidly.

8,80 P.M.;,

(To Marshal Soult.) Let me hear from you more frequently; in * combined manoeuvre like this it is only by